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The September unification movement was a part of the world-wide movement in September 1949 under Moscow direction. In Italy, a general strike was ordered; in China, the Red Army was helped to move against the Nationalist Government; in Japan a great strike was scheduled. Amidst all these disturbances, the Soviet delegates to the UN were to speak loudly under the definite plan to block all favorable decisions of the UN General Assembly towards South Korea.

The plan did not work. The Taehan Republic gained the strength to surmount all the underground activities of the Communist partisans, while the South Korean people understood fully that the unification under the Communist-sponsored Democratic Front would be the end of freedom.

The leaders of the People's Republic hoped that the government of the Taehan Republic could be overthrown by guerrilla activities alone by 20 August 1949. Accordingly, it was announced that Pak Hon-yong, Vice Premier of the People's Republic and head of the South Korean Labor Party, would visit Seoul on 1 September as Chairman of the Committee for the September General Election. This would be the second liberation, following the first liberation by guerrillas.

Yet nothing happened on 21 September. Neither the first nor the second liberation occurred. There was no explanation on the failure. The puppet leaders kept silent, and did not attempt to make any excuses for the failure. One thing was clear, however: the Democratic Front never got the support of the Korean people despite the desperate propaganda efforts by the North Korean leaders.

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